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Re: Application of **Yosuke HARADA** and  
**Kouichi OZAKI** entitled  
"TSA305 GENE"

Assignee: **OTSUKA PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.**Our Ref: **Q-80506**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/555,637 (Conf. No. 8311) filed May 30, 2000, of Yosuke HARADA and Kouichi OZAKI entitled "TSA305 GENE"; which is a 371 of PCT/JP98/05306, filed November 25, 1998.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and Abstract, 3 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney (as filed in the prior application).

Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment, an Information Disclosure Statement (accompanied by Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) - listing references cited by the Examiner and/or Applicants during prosecution of the parent application), and a Statement in Support of Submission (accompanied by a paper copy of the Sequence Listing).

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1642.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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